



Mississippi Department of Employment Security

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Public Notice of Intent to Award **March 28, 2023**

Temporary Staffing Services
MDES IFB 2023-01
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On February 2, 2023, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) issued Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2023-01 for the procurement of Temporary Staffing Services for the Mississippi Opioid Professional Training Project. As a result of this solicitation, the following vendors submitted responses:

Service Specialists, Ltd.
Noor Associates, Inc.
Staffers, Inc
Professional Staffing Group, LLC
Tempstaff, Inc.
22nd Century Technologies, Inc.
My Next Career Staffing, LLC
Staffing Innovations, Inc.
Providence Staffing, LLC
Huckeye Health Services
Magnolia Medical Foundation
Lancesoft, Inc.
Premiere Staffing Source, Inc
RL Klein Associates
J and T Deluxe Staffing, LLC
Diskriter, Inc
Healthcare Staffing Professionals, Inc.
Legacy Professional Solutions, LLC
Management Recruiters, L.P.

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The following vendors were determined to be non-responsive and/or non-responsible and have been notified separately of the reason(s):

Staffing Innovation, Inc.
Magnolia Medical Foundation
Premier Staffing Source, Inc.
J and T Deluxe Staffing, LLC
Diskriter, Inc.
Legacy Professional Solutions, LLC
Management Recruiters, L.P.

The following vendors were deemed to be responsive, responsible, and acceptable. The vendors are listed in order from the lowest to the highest bid:

Service Specialists, Ltd.
Noor Associates, Inc.
Staffers, Inc
Professional Staffing Group, LLC
Tempstaff, Inc.
22nd Century Technologies, Inc.
My Next Career Staffing, LLC
Providence Staffing, LLC
Huckeye Health Services
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The purpose of this procurement is to establish a contract with a provider for Temporary Staffing Services to create temporary disaster-relief employment that addresses the impacts of the opioid crisis in affected communities. The contracted staffing agency will process participant payments and assist the program-operator universities in placing participants in field placements at pain management clinics, local non-profit organizations, local governmental organizations, and other entities directly involved in addressing the opioid crisis, as identified in cooperation with the program-operator universities.

The program aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing the number of professionals in the areas of public health, mental health, pain management, clinical mental health, rehabilitation counseling, and addictive treatment and other related fields in the communities most affected by opioid. The Contractor will place post-secondary educational students and professionals meeting the qualifications for dislocated workers, unemployed, underemployed, self-employed, and displaced homemakers in fieldwork locations for training in occupations impacted by the opioid crisis.

The term of the Temporary Services Contract will be from July 1, 2023, and end on June 30, 2026. The agency reserves the right to renew the contract for up to two (2) additional

years at the sole discretion of the Agency. The anticipated budget for this contract is \$4,000,000.00.

Based on the evaluation of the submitted bids, MDES announces the intent to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder whose bid meets the requirements set forth in MDES IFB 2023-01 pending approval by the Public Procurement Review Board. These requirements included minimum prior experience, proof of registration to conduct business in the State of Mississippi or acknowledgement of intent to register, evidence of financial stability or solvency, methodology for fulfilling contractual obligations, and a minimum score from submitted references. The vendor below met all requirements and was the lowest cost.

Service Specialists, Ltd.

MDES would like to express its appreciation to all participating vendors.

Vendors are reminded that debriefing requests must be made within three (3) business days after the issuance of this notice. Please refer to IFB Section 15.7 and the Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations Section 7-113 for additional information regarding Post-Award Debriefings.

Additionally, any protests must be submitted with seven (7) calendar days after the issuance of this notice. Please refer to IFB Section 15.8 and the Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations Section 7-112 for additional information regarding Protests of Solicitations or Awards.

Please note that this Notice of Intent to Award is being made two (2) days earlier than listed in IFB 2023-01. As a result of this earlier notice, the debriefing deadline would be April 3, 2023, and the protest deadline would be April 5, 2023, both by 5:00 PM CDT on the respective days.

This contract will be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief Procurement Officer at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security State Headquarters located at 1235 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, MS.